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SOURCE: Wallace C. Rikon from Manuel Francisco ARTLE Suesa

SUBJECT: Activities of the Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MRR), Anti-CASTRO  
Organization

## COMMENTS:

1. Source does not remember names easily, and some of the names mentioned in this report may be incomplete. While Source was extremely open and co-operative in describing most details of the MRR, he refused to identify the MRR member within Cuban Army Intelligence on the grounds that the information was too sensitive.
2. Regarding information requested in DIR-11/969, Source reported that two radio stations are being established, one in Mexico and one in Cuba. The MRR manifesto is still pending and must be read by Source before it circulates in Cuba. The MRR has circulated the following anti-CASTRO materials:
  - (a) The resignation letter of Manuel Francisco ARTLE Suesa;
  - (b) A chapter of ARTLE's book (the chapter is entitled "Unforgettable Meeting")
  - (c) A second letter from ARTLE in reply to accusations made on television by Fidel CASTRO;
  - (d) Two pamphlets, entitled, BARISTA, Father of Communism, by Oscar SNEVARIA, and ANTI-Communist.
3. Regarding Para. 6, Source reported that Frank BERNARDO met, on the plane from Habana to Mexico, a member of the British Embassy in Mexico City who invited him, and through him, Source to talk with him at the British Embassy.
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SOURCE: Person with good connections among anti-CASERO Cuban exiles in Mexico (B);  
from a member of the MRR (F).

1. The main centers of activity of the Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MRR, co-ordinated anti-CASERO movement) within Cuba are in the provinces of Habana, Pinar del Rio, Camaguey, and Oriente. The MRR has the following leaders in Cuba:

[redacted]

- national Territorial  
co-ordinator

[redacted]

- general co-ordinator

[redacted] an engineer

- treasurer

Rafael RIVAS Vazquez

- director of propaganda

[redacted]

- chief of Oriente  
Province

Romelio GONZALEZ Corzo, an engineer

- chief of Habana Province

Captain Jorge SOTUS

- chief military co-ord

Mr. DIAZ

- chief of action

FELIPEZ Rocha (Fru)

- secretary of universal  
affairs

[redacted]

- chief, Municipality  
Habana

2. MRR contacts with the Catholic Church in Cuba include: PEREZ Serantes of Habana; the Bishop of Havana; the Jesuits, Carmelites, Capuchins, Marists, and some Franciscans.

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The MRR is also in touch with leaders of the Revolutionary Government of Cuba, including: a member of Cuban Army Intelligence (G-2), the only 301 Marin/and Rumb/ Ray Rivera, former Minister of Public Relations, former head of the 26th of July Movement in Havana when it was a clandestine organization, also are in touch with the MRR. Military leaders of the Revolutionary Government in Oriente, Santa Clara, and Pinar del Rio provinces are being contacted by the MRR, and it is making special efforts to recruit Major [redacted] 06, 08

3. In addition to the integrated groups of the MRR, both inside and outside of Cuba, the MRR has relations and is endeavoring to obtain closer alliances, co-ordination, or co-operation with the following: Manuel Antonio VARELA and his followers within the Partido Autentico Abstencionista; leaders of the "MRR" group; and the "27th of March" group of Camaguey province. The organization is also in touch with some former BATISTA officers, such as Major AGUIA and Manuel VILLARMA Martinez, and with Justo CARRILLO Hernandez. 06
4. The MRR needs: 1) a base where it can give military training to young people who lack military experience; 2) instructors to give the military training; and 3) equipment, including armaments and planes. Many Cubans, both in Cuba and abroad, have offered financial assistance to the MRR; however, the money will not be forthcoming until a base is established in Cuba from which the MRR can start working.
5. <sup>CIT. CUBA</sup> JOSE MAGUOL, Cuban now in Mexico, has been reported to the MRR as an informer for Fidel CASTRO. <sup>FEALC</sup>
6. FRANK BELLADELO, one of the AGU members who participated in the Habana flower laying episode directed against Amatis Pinoyan, is now in Mexico City. He said that many of those who participated in the event are in hiding and will have to leave Cuba. BELLADELO was discharged from his job in a bank for his part in the incident.

1. Field Comment. The names of groups and persons affiliated with the MRR were previously reported in [redacted] 7154, CS 2425 400 16-3

#### Source Comments

2. VARELA has great possibilities of becoming the candidate for president of the MRR.
3. This group is called either the "MRR" or the "MRR".
4. The MRR excludes all well-known BATISTA elements, both politicians and military men; however, it has distant relations with those who are only indirectly associated with the BATISTA government. Every effort is made to keep them in minor roles within the MRR.

5. Field Comment. [redacted] 08

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